

**HALIFAX REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES
March 1, 2005
(morning session)**

PRESENT:

Mayor Peter J. Kelly
Deputy Mayor Len Goucher
Councillors: Steve Streach (10:25 a.m.)
Krista Snow
David Hendsbee (10:35)
Harry McInroy
Gloria McCluskey
Andrew Younger
Bill Karsten
Becky Kent
Jim Smith
Mary Wile
Patrick Murphy (10:05 a.m.)
Dawn Sloane
Sue Uteck
Sheila Fougere
Russell Walker
Debbie Hum
Linda Mosher
Brad Johns
Robert Harvey

ABSENT:

Councillor Stephen Adams
Councillor Reg Rankin (regrets)
Councillor Gary Meade

STAFF:

Mr. George McLellan, CAO
Mr. Dan English, DCAO
Ms. Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Sheilagh Edmonds, Legislative Assistant

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. **BUDGET DELIBERATIONS:**

Halifax Regional Water Commission:

- C A copy of the Halifax Regional Water Commission's Operating and Capital Budget Programs for 2005 - 2006 was submitted.

Mr. Carl Yates, General Manager, Halifax Regional Water Commission, addressed Council and reviewed the Operating and Capital Budget Programs for 2005-2006. In his remarks he noted that there were no decreases in service, and with regard to the category, *Expected Services Not Being Met*, he referred to the Lively Subdivision and noted that the Commission is meeting the health requirements, but it is not meeting the aesthetic water quality objective requirements.

Mr. Yates responded to questions of Council.

In response to questions by Councillor Hum and Councillor Uteck concerning HRM Water Commission joint projects on Wren Street (Forest Hill to Pioneer) and Norwood Street (Oxford to Preston), Mr. Yates indicated he didn't have the detail information with him, however if they contacted Jamie Hannam, he would be able to provide them more detailed information.

Councillor McCluskey, referring to streets that experience low water pressure, requested Mr. Yates to check and respond as to where Regent Drive is on the priority list.

Councillor Mosher requested Mr. Yates investigate and report back in writing as to why the area of Stoneridge in her district, has such low water pressure.

Councillor Johns made reference to a point in Mr. Yates presentation where it was noted that water in the Lively Subdivision met the health requirements but had aesthetic problems. Councillor Johns advised that he wanted to clarify for Council's information that the difficulties the residents are experiencing isn't simply discoloured

water. He explained that the discoloured water results in problems such as ruined laundry, and washing machines, and these are costs the homeowners are incurring.

The Chair thanked Mr. Yates for his presentation.

Council recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m. with Deputy Mayor Goucher in the Chair, and Mr. Dan English, DCAO in the CAO's seat.

Financial Services:

C A copy of the Implications of Proposed Business Plan for Financial Services was submitted.

Ms. Dale MacLennan, Director of Financial Services, addressed Council and presented the 2005/2006 business plan for Financial Services.

Ms. MacLennan responded to questions.

Councillor Uteck requested Council be provided copies of the Assessment Roll, by district.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Jan Gibson
Municipal Clerk